

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Wednesday, June 29, 2005

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack.

The Chair announced the creation of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood Intervention. Members appointed to the subcommittee: Representatives Elsenheimer, Chair, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Miller and Virgil Smith.

The Chair announced the following bills be referred to the subcommittee: HB 4238, HB 4537, SB 327, SB 328, SB 329 and SB 330.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Miller supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Lemmons, III.

Representative Gosselin moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4947 before the committee.

**HB 4947 Palmer** Retirement; public school employees; contribution for teachers; define.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4947.

Representative Hildenbrand supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 4947, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Ottawa, Muskegon and Kalamazoo Intermediate School Districts,

Bill Tunnickliff, representing the Middle Cities Education Association,

Douglas Fogleman, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers,

David Hecker, representing the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel,

Dan O'Rourke, representing himself,

Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union,\*

Ken Fletcher, representing the State of Michigan American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Unions.\*

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in support of HB 4947.

Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Retirement Coordinating Council, testified in opposition to HB 4947.

Chris DeRose, representing the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, testified and stated they have not taken a position on HB 4947 at this time.

Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools, testified in support of HB 4947.

Al Short, representing the Michigan Education Association, testified in opposition to HB 4947.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the Michigan Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council #25, testified in opposition of HB 4947.

Wendy Hofmeyer and Jim Sandy, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of HB 4947.

Don Olendorf, representing Michigan Small and Rural Schools, submitted a card in support of HB 4947, but did not wish to speak.

Becky Rocho, representing the Calhoun Intermediate School District, submitted a card in support of HB 4947, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Gosselin moved to report HB 4947 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Hoogendyk supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 11-6-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce and Proos,

Nays: Representatives Ball, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Kehrl and Clack,

Pass: None.

**HB 4947 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.**

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:04 p.m.

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Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
June 29, 2005  
1 hour 34 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.